

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ASSEH, Adel et a l.  
Appl. No.: NEW Group:  
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For: CHANNEL BALANCING OF A WAVELENGTH  
DIVISION MULTIPLEXED OPTICAL SIGNAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 28, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Claim 11:** line 1, delete "or 10"

**Claim 16:** lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the claims 12 to  
15" to --Claim 12--

**Claim 58:** line 1, delete "or 57"

**Claim 59:** line 1, delete "or 57"

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